



Sustainable Floridians



A Pinellas County Extension Volunteer Program | 12520 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL 33774 | (727) 582-2100

Dear prospective Sustainable Floridian,

Thank you for your interest in the Sustainable Floridian Program! The enclosed ECO Kit contains information that will be useful to you in understanding the Sustainable Floridian program, as well as the role and responsibilities of a Sustainable Floridian volunteer. It will also give you insight into the Florida Extension Service, how it functions, and how Sustainable Floridians will operate as part of the Extension Service.

In 2012, we will offer the Sustainable Floridian training program twice. Each training session will meet weekly for seven weeks. The cost for the 7-week class is \$50 and includes all materials. In order to be considered for upcoming training programs, you will need to do several things:

- Complete the enclosed application form
- Select your choice of dates
- Return all forms via mail or email

Applications are currently being accepted for the following training sessions in 2012:

April 12th to May 24th – Pinellas County Extension
September 13th to October 25th – Brooker Creek Preserve

I will notify you concerning your acceptance to the Sustainable Floridian program. If you are accepted, you will receive an invitation to attend an orientation session. Not all applicants will be accepted due to class size limitations and other factors. Please do not send any money until you are notified that you have been accepted for the training.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email (rmadhosingh-hector@pinellascounty.org) or phone (727-582-2656).

I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ramona Madhosingh-Hector
Extension Agent, Urban Sustainability



ECO-Kit

Section One

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Nickname, if any:

Address:

Home Phone:

Alternate Phone: (cell / work)

Section Two

Please list any training and/or practical experience you have had in environmental science, agriculture, horticulture, architecture, engineering, urban planning or related fields:

What, if any, eco-friendly activities do you engage in, e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, native plantings, restoration activities, club memberships, etc.?

What types of volunteer work have you done in the past or are currently doing?

How did you learn of the Sustainable Floridians Program?

Why do you want to participate in the Sustainable Floridian training program?



Section Three

What ideas do you have of the type of volunteer work you can do toward completion of your commitment? (e.g., work with youth, education and outreach, preparing news releases, conduct tours and assessments, etc.)

List *all* time periods that you can do volunteer work, e.g., every Friday afternoon, first Thursday of each month, etc.

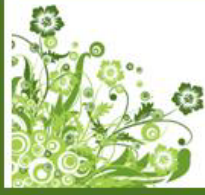
What are the *best* days for you to do volunteer work, e.g., every Friday afternoon, first Thursday of each month, etc.?

Section Four

I wish to become a participant in the Sustainable Floridian program and would like to be accepted into the training program beginning _____. I understand that if accepted and I successfully complete the course of instruction, I agree to donate at least 30 hours of public service in the next 12 months through the University of Florida, Pinellas County Extension/Sustainable Floridian Program. I also agree to abide by the policies governing the University of Florida/IFAS, Pinellas County Extension and Pinellas County Government.

Signature

Date



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ECO Kit Questionnaire #2

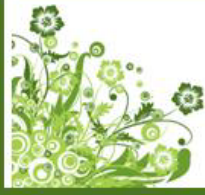
There are many reasons why individuals want to be part of this effort and program. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Beside each comment below, choose the number, which best describes how important it is to you.

1. Extremely important
2. Very important
3. Important
4. Somewhat important
5. Of minor importance
6. Not a reason of factor

Becoming a Sustainable Floridian is important to me because:

- A. I will have the opportunity to receive useful training.
- B. I will become a part of the University of Florida.
- C. I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with others.
- D. I will gain practical experience that can help me get a job.
- E. I will be able to provide a service to other people in my community and/or neighborhood.
- F. I can get a tax credit for my volunteer work.
- G. I will receive free instruction and materials.
- H. I will be able to increase my knowledge in the area of sustainability.
- I. I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction.
- J. I will be able to creatively use my free time.
- K. I will be recognized by people in my community.
- L. I will be able to gain new skills in sustainable practices.
- M. I will be certified by the University of Florida, Cooperative Extension Service.

(Other reasons: Please use space below.)



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ECO Kit—Interview Request Form

Prior to final selection for training, all Sustainable Floridian candidates meet informally with the Extension Agent. The orientation session allows you to visit the training location, meet the Sustainable Floridian Coordinator and interact with other participants.

Sustainable Floridian Interview Request

Preferred Class Date:

Brooker Creek Preserve
Weedon Island Preserve
Pinellas County Extension

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address: